

JOHN ZIMMERMAN.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Another old pioneer and one who resided in Lehi fifty-six years, was John Zimmerman. He was born October 3, 1820, in Washington county, Maryland. His parents were George Gottlob and Julian Hoke Zimmerman.

His father was an accomplished man, being a school teacher. He taught English, French, and German as well as several other subjects. When he was two years of age, his parents moved to Franklin County, Pennsylvania and in 1843, to the northern part of Illinois, and three years later to Garden Grove.

John Zimmerman received a fair education, and, having an aptitude for farming, he followed that occupation at the expiration of his school days. His parents joined the Mormon Church and naturally went to Utah. John followed a year later.

He was married September 21, 1850, to Harriet Laura Lamb, and became the father of eleven children, namely: George Erastus, Harriet Abigail (Mrs. H. M. Royle), Louisa Emmeline, (Mrs. A. J. Evans), Margaret, (Mrs E A. Bushman), Polly Ann, (Mrs. David Losee), Elizabeth, (Mrs. Isaac Fox); Julia Ann, (Mrs. George F. Southwick), John, Charles, Wilson, Suel, and Robert.

Mr. Zimmerman left Garden Grove, Iowa, June 1, 1852. He traveled along the Platte River under the command of Captain James C. Snow. His cousin and father-in-law died from cholera while journeying to Utah, otherwise the journey was uneventful.

He reached Utah during the last week in September, 1852, and located in Lehi. Being one of the first settlers, he helped build the first fort. He became a member of the Church in 1856, after having associated with the Saints for ten years.

He held many ecclesiastical military, and public offices. In 1857, he was ordained a member of the Forty-fourth quorum of seventy, and was later a member of the high priests' quorum. He was also ward teacher from 1868 to 1894.

From 1864 to 1868, he was adjutant of infantry in the Utah Militia, and from 1868, was adjutant of cavalry until it was disbanded. In public life he figured as an alderman, 1861-1862, and councilor for Lehi, 1871-1872.

He was constable at Garden Grove, Iowa, from 1842-1852. He was also one of the first police in Lehi, and from 1856-1862 he was supervisor of roads. He aided in the construction of the first telegraph line in Utah and received one share of stock, value \$100, for his services.

He contributed his services very largely in assisting the country in general by erecting mills, helping in the construction of the first railroad in Utah, besides furnishing teams upon various occasions to bring immigrants to Utah. He was one of the first subscribers to the stock of the Z. C. M. I. also to the first co-operative store in Lehi, and was treasurer of that institution several years.

Mrs. Zimmerman died February 22, 1891, while Mr. Zimmerman lived to be eighty-eight years of age. He died November 13, 1908.